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FOR HABIB AND CARTER FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLO, IS, EG, US, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: SOURCE OF JERUSALEM POST STORY ON ALLEGED US-PLO
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1. WE HAVE ISSUED CATEGORIC DENIAL OF JERUSALEM POST STORY AND ARE CABLING TEXT SEPARATELY.
2. ALTHOUGH IN GENERAL I KNOW IT IS SELDOM USEFUL TO PROTEST IN SUCH CASES, THIS ONE SEEMED TO BLATANT AND POTENTIALLY TOO DAMAGING TO LET PASS. ACCORDINGLY, I TALKED WITH SOME FIRMNESS TO JERUSALEM POST EDITOR FRANKEL THIS MORNING, STRESSING THREE POINTS: (A) FALSITY OF REPORT, (B) LACK OF APPARENT EFFORT TO CHECK WITH DELEGATION OR WITH EMBASSY BEFORE RUNNING IT, DESPITE OBVIOUS SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE AT PRESENT MOMENT, AND (C) FACT THAT MY IRE STEMMED IN PART FROM CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT SECRETARY HAD BEEN MIS-LEADING PRESS ABOUT PLO CONTACTS AT HIS PRESS CON-
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REFERENCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HERE.

3. AFTER TALKING TO THE POST'S MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS EDITOR, ANAN SAFADI, WHO WROTE STORY, FRANKEL SAID THAT SAFADI STICKS TO HIS STORY. HE CLAIMS THAT HIS SOURCE WAS SUCH AS TO MAKE IT UNNECESSARY TO CHECK WITH EMBASSY OR DELEGATION. (ALTHOUGH FRANKEL UNDER-

STANDABLY DID NOT REVEAL SOURCE TO ME, HE CLEARLY IMPLIED SAFADI HAD HEARD WHATEVER IT WAS HE HEARD FROM SOME MEMBER OF SECRETARY'S PARTY WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY SEEN SOME MESSAGE FROM CAIRO. FRANKEL AND SAFADI NOW ADMIT THAT SAFADI MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD EXACT IMPORT OF WHATEVER HIS SOURCE TOLD HIM, BUT SAFADI INSISTS IT WAS A CREDIBLE SOURCE.)

4. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT SOMEONE SAID TO SAFADI, OR WHO IT WAS, BUT THE WAY THE PRESS WORKS HERE I DOUBT THAT OUR CATEGORIC DENIAL EVER WILL QUITE CATCH UP WITH THE ORIGINAL STORY.
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